

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-12 (cancelled)

13. (new) A folding rack for receiving and transporting bags, for receiving objects, to be suspended in the rack, said rack having a base part and side frame parts which are connected articulatedly to the base part at their lower end and are pivotal at least about 90° or more in relation to the base part, from a position perpendicular to the base part into a position substantially parallel to the base part, a cross strut being articulated to an upper end region of each of the side frame parts, said struts being pivotal toward one another parallel to the base part, and free ends thereof being connectable to one another in a substantially rigid manner so that the upper end regions of the side frame parts are held by the cross struts, which are articulated to the upper regions of the side frame parts and are rigidly connected to one another, at a minimum spacing defined by the cross struts, wherein in a mutually connected condition the free ends of the cross struts engage in one another in a connection region and are held together in substantially rigid manner by a pipe clamp reaching over the connection region, and in that in an unfolded condition the side side parts extend parallel to one another and substantially perpendicular to the base part, so that similar racks can be stacked on top of one another with side frame parts aligned with one another.
14. (new) A folding rack according to Claim 13, wherein the pipe clamp is held resiliently on one of the two cross struts and pretensioned into a position reaching over the region of connection of the cross struts.
15. (new) A folding rack according to claim 13 wherein receiving bags for objects are provided that comprise at least two suspended webs of a flexible material arranged and horizontally tensioned between the side parts in an unfolded condition.
16. (new) The folding rack according to claim 15 wherein connection webs extend between adjacent suspended webs.
17. (new) A folding rack according to one of Claim 13 wherein when the racks are stacked on top of one another the upper free ends of the side parts are each defined by upper ends of

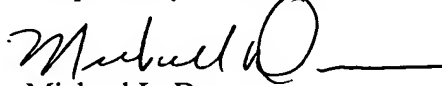
corner posts, and in that the base parts also have corner posts, which are flush with the corner posts of the side parts when the side parts are unfolded, with the lower end of a corner post of the base part engaging in the upper end of a corner post of a side part when the racks are stacked on top of one another and so being prevented from being displaced laterally.

18. (new) A folding rack according to Claim 16 wherein the upper ends of the corner posts of the base part are similar in construction to the upper ends of the corner posts of the side parts, and in that the side parts are articulated to the corner posts of the base parts such that when the side parts are folded in, the upper ends of the corner posts of the base parts are exposed so that folded-up racks can also be stacked on top of one another in such a way that they are prevented from slipping.
19. (new) A folding rack according to claim 17 wherein at least one of the cross struts is pivotal parallel and next to one of the corner posts of one of the side parts, and may be locked thereto.
20. (new) A folding rack according to claim 1 wherein a height of the rack, defined by the side parts, is at least half a width of the rack, defined by spacing between set-up side parts.
21. (new) A folding rack according to claim 1 wherein tensioning means are provided on the side parts, and these allow flexible material webs extending between set-up side parts to be tensioned.
22. (new) The folding rack of claim 21 wherein the tensioning means permits tension to be increased upon the flexible webs.
23. (new) A folding rack according to claim 17 wherein corner posts defining the side parts are pushed into corner posts of the base part so that an internal cross-section substantially corresponds to an external cross-section of the corner posts of the side part, with the corner posts of the base part and the corner posts of the side part additionally being connected to one another by a pivot pin and slot connection, with the corner posts of the side parts and the base parts being locked in alignment with one another in a first position of the pivot pin in

the slot and the corner posts of the side parts being pivotal in relation to the corner posts of the base part in a second position of the pivot pin in the slot.

24. (new) A folding rack according to claim 13 wherein points at which the cross struts are articulated to the side parts are constructed such that the cross struts, as well as defining a minimum spacing, at the same time define the maximum spacing between the side parts.

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